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## Death Claims Former Residents

(Wainwright Star)  
Residents of Wainwright received a severe shock when word was circulated on Tuesday morning of the finding of the bodies of Mrs. Alice Darks, 51, and her husband Resto M. Darks, 79, dead in their home on 7th Avenue West. Mrs. Darks had been teaching school in Wainwright for a number of years, and was at the time of her death, teaching grades X, XI and XII.

First suggestion that there was something amiss came on Monday when Mrs. Darks did not turn up for classes as usual, but it was supposed that the couple may have gone away for the week-end and not returned due to drifted road conditions. This idea was supported by the fact that the family car was not in its accustomed position.

When no word had been received from them and no signs of life were evident around the premises Tuesday morning, Ted Wilson, who lives in a nearby home, and is also a teacher of the high school, went to their house to investigate.

Upon arriving he found the couple in an unconscious condition, and investigation indicated that they had been dead for some time. While no details are yet available, and the cause of death has not been ascertained, the possibility of asphyxiation is being considered. Death is thought to have taken place on Sunday evening. Coroner Dr. J. D. Wallace and the RCMP detachment at Wainwright are investigating, and there has as yet been no decision as to whether an inquest will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Darks leave a son, who resides in the district, a daughter at Mannville and another daughter who lives in Eastern Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Darks lived at Irma for two or three years where Mrs. Darks taught school and they made a host of friends.

## Northern Nuggets

Mrs. R. Herder left on Friday morning for a month's holiday with relatives in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson were Edmonton visitors last week.

A good time was enjoyed by all at the Cribbage Drive on Friday. The lucky prize winners were Mrs. Eric Prior and Mr. Clair Lukens, while Mrs. P. Kellar and Mr. Ivan Hardy won the consolation prizes.

On February 24 there will be a joint "500" and Cribbage Drive sponsored by the Triangle Association, at which a draw will be made for the two lovely lamps now on display in the Co-op Store.

Last week Bert and Fred Cileddell made a trip to Hobbart and Herman's lumber camp, 65 miles from Whitecourt. The boys report a lot of snow in the bush. Fred has decided to spend the rest of the winter there.

## EASTERLY ECHOES

Ronnie Dempsey celebrated a birthday last week and Brian Veer is planning a party for his birthday this week. Many happy returns of these days to you boys.

Lily Sanders spent the week-end with friends in Irma.

The sympathy of the district is here extended to Mrs. H. Oldham in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Johnson, of Biggar, Sask., and to Mrs. Sanders whose grandfather Delbert Boyd died recently at Dunster, B.C.

George Bacon is employed at the Bell ranch.

The general activities of the farmers this week is shovelling roadways to granaries to fill the recent one bushel quota. There is still much interest in curling and hockey and 500.

The major source of employment and income in Canada is the manufacturing industry.

## Evening Group of W.A. Hold Banquet For Good Attendance at S.S.

On Thursday evening of last week the evening group of the W.A. gave a banquet in the basement of the Irma United Church for the scholars of the Sunday School and the teachers and officers.

It has always been a time honored rule that whenever the attendance has been over 100 for four consecutive Sundays, a treat of some sort was to be forthcoming. This splendid attendance record was achieved this winter and the Evening Group of the W.A. provided this banquet.

Before the meal, Mrs. H. W. Inglis led a lively sing song. After full justice had been done to all the good things provided by the W.A., Mr. S. M. Brown, Superintendent of the S.S., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for all their kindness. Then all the members of the supper party moved up into the body of the church where some film strips were enjoyed.

## Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my many friends for the many cards, fruit and flowers and all those who came so often to visit me while I was in the hospital, also to the ones who came and helped at home while I was away, especially the cook. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

Al Larson.

## NOTICE

Preparation of Assessment Roll 1956

MD of Wainwright No. 51

Notice is hereby given that the assessment of the previous year has been adapted under the provisions of The Assessment Act, and that the assessment roll of the said municipality has been duly prepared, and that if any person thinks that any property has been wrongfully assessed, or assessed too high, or too low, or that his name or the name of any other person has been wrongfully entered upon or omitted from the roll, he may at any time prior to the 31st day of January notify the secretary-treasurer in writing of the particulars and grounds of his complaint.

Dated at Wainwright, this 31st day of December, 1955.

Chas. Wilbraham,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

1956-10-20-27

## CHURCH SERVICES

SHARON LUTHERAN

Sunday, January 22

Sunday School and Bible Class 2 p.m.

Divine Worship 3 p.m.

L. Knudson, Pastor.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Service of Evensong will be held in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, January 22 at 2 p.m.

Orders for the "Edmonton Churchman" will be taken by any member of the Vestry.

## ALBERT CHRISTMAS TREE FINANCIAL REPORT

Collected in Albert and surrounding district \$102.50

Buffalo Coulee W.L. 25.00

Refunded on peanuts 1.35

Total \$128.85

Expenditures:

Gifts \$64.75

7 Boxes of Oranges 11.65

2 Boxes of Apples 7.70

Nuts 13.70

Candy 18.60

Crope Paper 1.50

Cotton Batting for Santa 1.00

Bags 1.00

Total \$120.30

Balance—\$8.55

## WITH THE District Agriculturist

By J. S. Duncan

### Calgary Seed Fair

This seed fair will be held on March 1 and 2. Samples must be ready by February 15 and the sample will be taken by an impartial official. The one peak sample must represent a minimum of fifteen bushels of cleaned seed grown in 1955 and field inspected so as to have either a Seed Registration Certificate or a Seed Crop Certificate. Hand preparation of certain is not permitted. Grass and Legume seeds need not be from inspected crops. There is no entry fee for exhibitors and prizes are good, ranging from four to forty dollars. There is good grain grown in this district, why not arrange to send a sample in? For full information write to C. A. Weir, Supervisor of Exhibits, 1420, 3rd St. N.W. Calgary, Alta.

### Seed Standards Raised

Changes in regulations under the Seeds Act have raised the standards for seed grades. There is now no tolerance of other varieties in any seed grade and the tolerance of total weed seeds in No. 1 and 2 commercial seed has been reduced. This change will affect those who sell seed but it should also be important to those buying seed. Under the old standards there was a lot of grain seeded which would not qualify for seed grade and under the new regulations there will be even more.

### Do You Want a Better Calf Crop

A strong, healthy calf will usually do better all summer and be much heavier at weaning time. Experiments have shown that the strength and thriftiness of the calf crop depends to quite an extent on the way the cow is fed during the winter. The most common deficiencies are Protein, Phosphorous and Vitamin A. Feeding enough grain or legume hay or commercial supplement to bring the ration up to 10 percent protein for the last month to six weeks before calving will result in a much better calf crop. There are also dry forms of Vitamin A available and any good mineral mixture will contain phosphorous. These same recommendations apply to sheep.

### Glen-Coa Gleanings

Our community was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mr. and Mrs. Darks. For many years they made their home south in the Melbrae district. Quite a number from our community are former pupils of Mrs. Darks when she taught at Melbrae. Deepest sympathy is extended to Allan and his two sisters in their great loss.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear husband, Sidney M. New, who passed away in Vancouver, January 19, 1955:

At home on the beautiful hills of God,

In the valley of rest so fair,

Sometime, somewhere, when our work is done,

With joy we shall meet him there.

Sadly missed, Dolly.

## Prospects Bright For Viking Frig Spiel

(From The Viking News)

Interest in the Viking Curling Club's seventh annual Frig Bonspiel (now TV) is growing every day, as the time draws near, opening on Wednesday, January 25.

Eight rinks from outside points, headed by Aubrey Gore, of Swilwell, Alta., last year's winner, are already entered: Leo Cherrot, of Vegreville, will also be here again as well as Bill Gehring; others entered are M. Younkers of Irma; Stu Fenton, Irma; Len Manz, Mannville; M. Froehner, Ström, Helmer Kjelland, Wainwright.

Cecil Runyon who is receiving the entries, is quite certain that quite a few more outside entries will come in before the deadline on January 21.

Local rinks are forming up and it is expected that at least ten will enter.

## 4H Wheat Club to Hold Organization Meeting January 23

The 4H Wheat Club will hold its organization meeting on Jan. 23 in the Legion Hall. Any girl or boy between the ages of 12 and 21 who wishes to become a member should be sure to attend this meeting.

No one should join this club unless he can find the time to tend his plot and come to most of the club meetings.

The deadline for ordering seed for next year is Feb. 1.

Anyone wishing to join but find it impossible to attend this meeting, should contact Mr. Nissen before February 1.

## High School Curling

School curling has been gaining popularity with high school students for the last 10 years, since it was organized into Alberta Championship playoffs by the Taylor, Pearson and Carson Organization in 1946. Last year there were more than 200 towns and cities represented in the 44 District Playoffs which is divided into 3 Regions.

The Peace River Block has four districts, Northern Alberta has twenty-four and Southern Alberta has sixteen. Each district has a district convener and a district playoff among the towns in the district. The district winners receive District Merit Crests and the right to represent their District in the Regional Playdowns of their Region.

All district winners take part in the Regional Playdowns. The Regional winners of each Region receives the Regional Proficiency Crests, Curling Sweaters and Tams. All curlers and coaches attend the Regional curling banquets.

Once the boys are Regional winners of their Region, all their expenses are paid to the provincial finals, which this year is held in Calgary.

This year the Dominion finals will be in Fort William and rinks from all ten Provinces with two from Ontario will participate.

Mount Jacques Cartier in the Appalachians, 4,160 feet, is the highest mountain in Quebec. Highest peak in Ontario is part of the Niagara escarpment, at Caledonia, 1,550 feet.

## Our Trip to the Old Country

Before the first World War there were several different railway companies in England serving various sections of the country. Each system had its own ideas on design and color of the locomotives and rolling stock. After the war these were amalgamated into four main groups. Now since the second war there is just one system known as the British Railways.

The war delayed modernization and with stiff bus competition it is difficult to put the railways on a paying basis.

On the journey from Portsmouth we travelled to Watlington Station by electric train. Then under the Thames by tube railway to Euston Station and continued on by fast diesel called "The Midday Scot." At Carnforth we changed to a local steam train which took us to Grange-over-Sands in the Lake District.

The next few days passed all too quickly. The last morning coffee had been taken in the orchard at Pool Bank House and the final farewells made at Windermere and Liverpool.

Our little bit of shopping and packing was all done and, once more we were at Prince Land, where on August 17 we boarded the newest Cunard liner R.M.S. Ivernia who was ready to begin her 3rd voyage from Liverpool to Canada.

The Ivernia is a 23,000 ton vessel and a thing of beauty both inside and out. She carries about 800 tourist class passengers and 150 first class, besides her crew of 250 and she usually makes the long distance from Liverpool to Montreal in 6 days.

We sailed from Liverpool about 7 p.m. and it was with real regret we watched the waterfront fade into the distance knowing that we were leaving England and all the folk who had so kindly opened their doors to us during those past ten weeks.

All night we quietly cruised along the coast of England and Scotland and morning found us admiring the Bonnie Banks of Clyde on the way to Greenock where we anchored. A tender came out and brought quite a number of passengers who were to board the Ivernia there.

By evening we could see the cliffs on the northern coast of Ireland. We were sailing right into the path of the setting sun and everything seemed calm and peaceful. We began to congratulate ourselves that a quiet voyage lay ahead—but this was not to be. A fresh S.W. gale sprang up in the night and we headed into it for the next three days. The first two of which, your humble scribe, who is only a fastidious weather sailor, spent his bedless feeling more than slightly indisposed.

Owing to the rough weather we entered the St. Lawrence a day late. The big river looked lovelier than ever under the hot August sun. We noticed brightly colored little summer resorts along the banks from which speed boats would come darting out and circle around the liner as she glided along.

We landed in Montreal on August 24. August 25 found us at Grand Bend on the shores of Lake Huron where we visited with relatives. Grand Bend is a perfect summer resort with a fine sandy beach, clear blue water and lovely smaller, pines and red oaks. Dr. David Haszloff of Mannville had been there just before we came. We visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Charter and their daughter Anne on August 28 at London, Ont. Their many friends at Irma will be glad to know that we found them most comfortably and happily situated.

Surely London must be one of Canada's prettiest cities. It is expanding and growing fast with thousands of fine new modern homes and lovely parks.

The evening of August 29 found us again on the CNR supercontinental and headed for Wainwright. After we left Winnipeg we took great interest in

## 14 RINKS PLAY IN HIGH SCHOOL SPIEL

This is a list of the rinks playing at the High School Bonspiel last week.

1st prize in the first competition was won by Gordon Lovig's rink and 2nd prize by Hugh Inglis.

Nellie Cairns, Regine Van Hyfte, Marion Lovig, Marjory Matthews.

Charles Cairns, Lucille Touchette, Norma Willerton, Edythe Gubras.

Lorraine Smallwood, Della Symington, Barbara Murray, Yvonne Brown.

Marion Smallwood, Bruce Bridgeman, Joan Fleming, Laraine Pond.

Leslie Ballentine, Bill Morrow, Connie Owen, Kathleen Stockton.

Hugh Inglis, Jim MacDuff, Maureen Dempsey, Linda Prior.

Sonny Archibald, Clair Prior, Robbie Morse, Jacky Atkinson.

Arl Lovig, Mrs. Ballentine, Jimmy Mason, Jean Darling.

Daniel Van Hyfte, Irene Archibald, Hugh Fleming, Jeanette Pond.

Warren Fuder, Jacky Fuder, Lawrence — Alice Tomlinson.

Donald Morse, Nathan Fuder, Ronnie King, George Cairns.

Wayne Pendleton, Alice Fischer, Carol Fischer, Gerald Reber.

Rodney MacDuff, Lorne Fuder, Albert Russell, Robert MacDuff.

Gordon Lovig, Marion Darling, Darlene Veer, Vera Prior.

The lovely crops being harvested on all sides and were glad to note the beautiful bronze color of the threshed wheat as it lay in piles in many of the fields.

We did not expect to be met but when we alighted at Wainwright, our next door neighbor, Mrs. Seward, was waiting for us with her car. We both agreed there was nothing on all our holiday which quite came up to finding a familiar face from Irma waiting at the end of it.

## —NOTICE—

Commencing with Friday, January 13, shows will not be held for 3 weeks. Watch this space for next show.

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## \$250,000 factory for Weyburn

REGINA. — A \$250,000 factory to manufacture wire and cable, the first plant of its kind to open in Saskatchewan, will be in operation at Weyburn, Sask., early in 1936.

Premier T. G. Douglas and J. A. Kippan, general manager and vice-president of Western Wire & Cable Co. Ltd. of Vancouver, jointly announced the establishment of the new industry at a press conference in Regina.

The new plant, also to be known as Western Wire & Cable Co. Ltd., will operate in a large building at the Weyburn airport. The Saskatchewan factory will be the Vancouver company's first production unit on the prairies.

Mr. Kippan said capital investment in plant equipment, exclusive of buildings, involves initially more than \$250,000.

The vice-president said that at the start the new industry for Weyburn would employ approximately 30 persons and would have an annual payroll of \$100,000. Most of the employees of the plant will be hired locally.

The Weyburn factory will produce various kinds of electrical conductor wire for use in power and telephone transmission. Main output of the plant will be aluminum cable for power transmission but it will also produce copper wire for telephone lines.

## Helpful Hints

After cooking fish, heat a little vinegar in a saucepan to clean the air of any unpleasant seafood odor. If boiled onions or cabbage are featured dinner fare, aim a small electric fan out a partially opened kitchen window to dissipate odors. After handling onions or other highly fragrant foods, rub hands with some lemon juice, salt or vinegar, then wash hands.

You can give your newly decorated kitchen a look of continuity by using leftover pieces of wallpaper to cover kitchen canisters. Cut off short lengths of Scotch tape, roll one end back and under to give a sticky surface all around the tape. Stick these bits of tape at intervals around the top and bottom of the canisters and at the seams. Wrap the wallpaper around, pressing it tightly against the tape to give a smooth appearance.

Here's a hearty mixture for burger buns. Sauté chopped peppers, onion and celery. Add beaten eggs to the mixture and when the eggs are at the soft cooked stage, stir in a can of tomato sauce. Fry the hot mixture on skillet and toast for a few minutes. Serve hot.

## Baking's Easier, Speedier with Wonderful New Active Dry Yeast!

## Growers plan full program for convention

Soil problems, plant diseases, insect pests and reports on many subjects of interest to market gardeners will be studied and discussed at the third annual convention of the Vegetable Growers' Association of Manitoba.

Commercial vegetable growers from all parts of the province will meet Tuesday morning, January 24, in theatre "A" of the Government building in Winnipeg for the opening session of the three-day meet.

Delegates will be welcomed by the deputy minister of Agriculture and Immigration, J. R. Bell, president of the association. W. E. Kroeker, will be chairman at business sessions.

Soil and nutritional problems will be considered at the Tuesday afternoon session. Dr. C. Walkot, Sr. horticulturist at the Morden Experimental Farm will speak on the fertilizer problems of the market gardener and Dr. R. A. Hedlin, University of Manitoba, will report on soil problems of transplants.

Diseases of carrots, potatoes and cabbages are among the topics to be discussed at the Wednesday morning session. Dr. A. L. Sheffelt of the Morden Experimental Farm will report on studies of Manitoba-grown vegetables and J. M. Hay, district inspector for the Dominion Marketing Service at Winnipeg, will conduct a demonstration on vegetable grading.

Highlights of the Wednesday afternoon session on insect problems will be an illustrated address on insecticides by Dr. Marvin Roehrig, of Minnesota.

At a general session on Thursday morning, talks will cover mushroom culture, hot house crops and small fruits.

At the wind-up banquet Thursday evening, Dr. Walkot will give an illustrated address on commercial vegetable growing in Europe.

## Gravy causes most stains

Gravy and food stains result in more dyeing than any other household stain, according to a report by the National Institute of Dyechemists.

The institute took a survey to see what types of stains and stains dyers encounter frequently. They found that "there's many a slip between cup and lip." For food stains, the most common is gravy.

Next most common were blood stains, the institute said.

Coffee and tea spots were the third group. Alcohol and soft drink stains closely followed.

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Famous Bow Bell silent since 1941, may ring again in London

The old London church linked with Dick Whittington, Mary le-Bow, is appealing for £150,000 so that its bells may ring again. Its peals, silenced by Nazi bombs dropped during an air raid in May, 1941, date back to the Middle Ages.

It is the church bell of Bow which is mentioned in "Oranges and Lemons", the English nursery rhyme about the church bells of London.

"I'm sure I don't know," says the big Bell of Bow.

It was the curfew bell which in the year 1374, was heard by the legendary Dick Whittington and brought him back to be thrice Lord Mayor of London.

Three times Lord Mayor

There was a real Dick Whittington. He did marry Alice the daughter of Sir Ivo Fitzwarren (not Sir Hugh Fitzwarren, as in the pantomime) and he was three times Lord Mayor of London. He was also the most famous Lord Mayor of the Middle Ages, but he was never a scullion.

Slow, the historian, says nothing about the legend of the ill-treated truant apprentice achieving fortune with the help of his cat, which, incidentally, is common to many legends.

Lacombe girl wins essay competition

Miss Josephine Kiewit, a 14-year-old girl from Lacombe, Alta., is the winner of an essay competition on "How We Control Wonders of Our World." The competition was sponsored by the North-Central Wood Conference and was open to school students in 14 states and the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Essays were judged in each province and State and then submitted to a panel of judges for final selection.

Winning of the award was announced at the recent North-Central Wood Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

In addition to winning \$25 for the first prize in Alberta, Miss Kiewit has also been awarded a \$500 scholarship towards either a diploma or a degree course in Agriculture or Home Economics.

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The first model was of Field Marshal Montgomery. Now there are over 50 different shapes ranging from the popular Benny bunny to bunnies, clowns, lamps, airplanes, dolls and even boxing gloves.

Children were not the only ones to be impressed. Business concerns were quick to recognize the appeal of these toys, which have been adapted to advertise a number of products in sales campaigns.

The shock of an electric current causes death by overconstriction of the heart muscle. 3177

## Old machinery draws crowds at Didsbury

The invention of modern gasoline-powered combines and tractors made the old steam engine obsolete years ago.

But once a year on the Spreeman farm near Didsbury, Alberta, an ancient steam engine and separator are brought out of retirement long enough to provide a few thrills for oldtimers—and the younger set, for that matter.

Alvin Spreeman and his sons Elmer and Walter farm 1,200 acres with 800 acres in crop. They have a liking for modern machinery and their farm is well stocked with it. But they also have a yen for something old.

1908 Case machine

This fall they again brought out a 1908 Case steam engine, reported to be the last new one sold in Alberta. The threshing machine is a 1908 Case.

The Spreemans bind and stack about 50 acres of their crop each year so they can give the old outfit another run. Binding and stacking aren't necessary with the modern combine, which cuts and threshes the grain in the same operation.

Observers trekked to the Spreeman farm last fall to watch the old outfit at work. Oldtimers took turns stoking the fire, adjusting the steam pressure, pulling the dual-ton whistles, while the rest of the spectators took pictures, watched and waited.

Walter Spreeman said the old machine can thresh up to 4,000 bushels of wheat in a day and can turn out 700 bushels of oats an hour.

In sharp contrast to these ancient threshers were the modern tractors pulling new wagons that brought the grain to the machines. A new truck hauled water for the steam engine and another truck hauled the grain.

There wasn't a horse in sight.

COD LIVER OIL FUN NOW

Years ago, oldtimers recall, cod liver oil was a crude fishy-tasting medicine that was no favorite among the children but it was recognized as a very necessary substance for youngsters. Today's children are brought to the age of 16, in order that bones may grow straight and strong and teeth come in normally.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH	Jan. 24	Jan. 24	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Jan. 29	Jan. 29	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Feb. 3	Feb. 3	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Feb. 8	Feb. 8	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Feb. 13	Feb. 13	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Feb. 18	Feb. 18	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Feb. 23	Feb. 23	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Feb. 28	Feb. 28	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Mar. 5	Mar. 5	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Mar. 10	Mar. 10	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Mar. 15	Mar. 15	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Mar. 20	Mar. 20	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Mar. 25	Mar. 25	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Mar. 30	Mar. 30	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Apr. 4	Apr. 4	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Apr. 9	Apr. 9	Cable, Southampton
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QUEEN ELIZABETH	May 19	May 19	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	May 24	May 24	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	May 29	May 29	Cable, Southampton
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Jun. 3	Jun. 3	Cable, Southampton
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## THE JESTER

—By JOHN T. KIRKMAN

ONE more chance to play his old role! One more chance to put on the only thing left of the days when he was hailed as 'The World's Greatest Clown,' as Arsel, The Children's Delight.

In a flash Arsel thought of what was in his trunk, for from his shabby tenement room he could hear the little fellow downstairs bewailing his fate. The circus parade! And it was passing a block down, just far enough away that he could not see it, but near enough that he could hear the thrilling rumble of wagon wheels and the delighted shouts of the other children. But to share in the feast of joy was denied the little fellow. A few days before an errand truck had crushed his leg, and there he lay, imprisoned in a heavy cast.

To Arsel the rumble of wheels brought back a thousand memories. Again the smell of sawdust was in his nostrils. The stirring music of the circus rang in his ears. He saw the big tent, the prancing horses, the thousands of people laughing at his antics, shouting his name again and again—Arsel, the world's greatest fun maker, beloved by millions—now Arsel the forgotten, the unknown, in poverty and ill health. He sat up now in his bed uncomfortably, wobbly.

But only for a moment did he hear the shouts and applause of other days, for they were crowded out by the crying of the boy downstairs. He was inconsolable. The circus was passing him by.

Arsel was trying to carry his thought into action. One more chance to be his old self! And he needed it. It was absolutely necessary that he do it. One more chance to wear the one thing that remained of his days of glory—his clown suit. And for what a cause! Joy surged through him. Years dropped away. The shabby room became a dressing tent. Out there was the audience he was going to amuse, to make happy—even more than the circus. A little boy into a frame of mind that would beckon recovery and lessen the misery of imprisoned limbs. Natively he wondered if this sudden urge through him was what made him so giddy and queer feeling.

But could he manage to go

through with it? Could he find the strength? The community nurse, having found him when she came to visit the injured boy, had told him that he must not leave his bed. Later in the day they would take him to a hospital.

But another outbreak of childish grief decided him. Hastily, and tottering, he left the bed and started for the battered trunk in which lay the old clown suit.

When the circus had come into the town a half dozen of the old timers were still with it. They had been brother troopers long ago with Arsel before he faded into oblivion. For several years they had kept in touch with him. Then as the proud old fellow sank lower and lower into poverty and obscurity he broke off all contact with them.

They had last heard of him in this town. He probably was still here. They determined to find out, and if he was found to give him a rousing salutation, a regular circusman's greeting. Maybe the postoffice had his address listed.

Arsel had the old suit on now. He wondered again what made him feel so strange. But then as he looked at himself in the dingy mirror he forgot everything. He was Arsel, The Children's Delight. He must go on! He must make the boy laugh again. He tried to stand steadily on his feet. He couldn't quite do it. But he must! The boy!

Then all at once the ludicrousness of his position struck him. Trying to amuse someone by his clowning and antics when he couldn't even stand! He began to laugh, at himself. Yet something that was not grease paint glimmered on his cheeks. (These grease paint sticks were dried as hard as slate pencils anyhow.)

One more effort— Suddenly a sound re-aroused him. He listened intently. He listened. Was it just a part of this strangeness that had come over him? Or was it really a hand? A circus hand! Just outside! They were playing his march. The Circusman's March!

He relaxed, happily. The boy was getting his circus after all. Shouts of joy were coming from him.

For the little fellow was looking out the window, almost crying, again—he was so excited and thrilled.

"Wanna dance," he exclaimed, looking down at his cast. He saw one of the bandmen come into the house. In a minute or two he came out again and the band stopped playing. He said something to the others and they talked among themselves for a few seconds. Then they started playing again.

The boy looked puzzled. He listened attentively for a moment. Then—

"That first piece was so pretty it made you wanna dance or something. But this one is so different. Gee! It sounds like somebody was dead."

Bones not lazy, hardest workers in human body

The fellow who wrote "Lazy Bones" turned out a good song, but he belied some of the hardest workers in the human body.

The Minnesota State Medical Association says bones actually are thriving manufacturing plants operating on a 24-hour-a-day schedule. The bones manufacture red blood cells which must be replaced at a rate of 150 million a minute. They also have the major responsibility for producing infection-fighting white blood cells. In addition, the bones act as a storehouse for reserve nourishment. They keep fats and proteins in their marrow and nearly all of the body's calcium and phosphorus.

The Minnesota medics said the human body has about 206 bones, but that the number changes. A child usually has 32 segments in his spinal column, for instance, but in adults the lower segments fuse, leaving only 26. The number of ribs also varies. Most people have 12 pairs, but some perfectly normal persons have only 11 pairs and others have 13. 3177

MIRA HAYWORTH bundles up in her fur coat as she prepares to go to court in Hollywood for a breach of contract hearing between herself and Columbia Studios.

## Accident-proneness symptom various forms of ill-health

People who have more than their fair share of accidents are commonly considered to be just unlucky, but a painstaking study among workers in an aircraft factory, recorded in the 'British Journal of Industrial Medicine,' suggests that 'accident-proneness' may in fact be a symptom of identifiable forms of ill-health, states the Manchester Guardian.

The author, Dr. James A. Smiley checked the medical history of a group of workers who seemed to have an undue proportion of accidents, and compared the finding with similar records of a "control group" chosen at random among other workers in the factory.

Stress and tension found. He observed that peptic ulcers occurred seven times more frequently among the accident-prone, and that other chronic disabilities were four times more common among them.

He also found that the accident-prone often complained of vague pains that had no obvious physical cause, and that symptoms of stress or of emotional tension were frequently to be met in the group.

It seems likely that emotional strain or disorder of one sort or another is at the bottom of most cases of accident-proneness, and that a tendency to meet with accidents may itself be an indication of a disorder that requires treatment.

Dr. Smiley is careful to limit his

## \$286,844 Health grants Manitoba and Alberta

OTTAWA.—Federal health grants totalling \$286,844 have been awarded to Manitoba and Alberta to assist in their mental hospital construction programs, it was disclosed by Hon. Paul Martin, federal health minister.

In Manitoba a grant of \$213,848 goes towards construction of a new unit for female patients at the Manitoba School for the Mentally Defective, Portage la Prairie. Features of the new structure will include, in addition to accommodation for 150 patients, day rooms, physiotherapy, operating room, laboratory, dental and x-ray facilities. Owned and operated by the provincial government, the new unit is scheduled for completion in October, 1954.

In Alberta a grant of \$70,996 will help meet construction costs of the new addition to the provincial mental hospital, Ponoka, with accommodation for 93 more patients. This brings to \$154,387 the federal assistance to the provincially-owned hospital building program in recent years.

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## Outstanding hockey players usually stay with same teams

The same thing applies in hockey as it does in most other sports. The outstanding players in the game usually spend their entire major league careers with the same team.

Out of the 15 top point-collectors in the National Hockey League on December 29, all but four of these are still on the same team with which they broke into the League, and with the same organization that discovered and developed them as youngsters.

The four exceptions are Bert Olmstead, Dave Creighton, Bill Gadsby and Nick Mickoski. With the exception of Creighton, who played with three other N.H.L. clubs, these players are now with their second N.H.L. team.

A real oddity in the fact that Olmstead and Creighton both belonged to the Detroit Red Wings at one time and both were traded or sold away before they had a chance to play a single game for the Wings. Olmstead came to Detroit from Chicago where he broke into the League with the Black Hawks. The Red Wings traded him to Montreal Canadiens for Leo Gravelle. The hard-working left winger gained stardom almost as soon as he joined the Montrealers. Right now he holds down second place among the circuit's leading point-getters and tops all players in gathering assists.

Creighton is the sixth highest point getter in the League. He started his N.H.L. career with Boston Bruins. Last season he played with both Toronto and Chicago before coming to Detroit during the summer in a big player trade between the Red Wings and the Black Hawks. Before the Wings even reported to training camp, Creighton was sold to the New York Rangers. He is currently enjoying his best season in the N.H.L. and is one of the main reasons the Rangers are doing so well this year.

Gadsby started his career with Chicago and after working up to the team's captaincy was traded to New York in the same deal that sent Mickoski from the Broadway Blue Shirts to Chicago. Both players are having good seasons with their new clubs.

About 30 gallons of water are used for the average bath.

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## Funny and Otherwise

Husband: "I'll have you know that old pullover is a part of me. Where it goes I go."

Wife: "Well, don't forget to close the lid after you. It's in the dustbin."

Husband: "Well, I hope it gets here while I'm still able to navigate."

"Little boy, I hate to tell you, but last night at the party your big sister promised to become my wife. Can you forgive me for taking her away?"

"Beck, that's what the party was for."

An old man heard about some pills that would restore his youth. He bought a box, but instead of following directions and taking one every day, he swallowed the boxful in a single dose the first night.

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## EDITORIALS

THE PRAIRIE FARM DEPRESSION  
(Calgary Albertan)

The Speech from the Throne implied once again that overproduction, through a series of exceptionally good crops, is the sole reason for the trouble prairie agriculture is in. It has often been stated and is again, that marketings have been fairly normal, and the congestion of grain in elevators and on the farms is due entirely to above-normal production. Otherwise everything would be all right.

Let us examine that argument.

If handling and selling that part of prairie grain production which is above normal is the only problem, it follows that farmers have been able to deliver normal quantities of grain and to receive normal prices for it.

Therefore, it follows further, their cash income year by year up to the present has been normal and they have nothing to complain about. They have been getting their fair share of the national income. They are well enough off. They have enough cash. True, they would like to be able to sell that part of their total production which has been above normal and which is jamming the facilities and the market, but that would be gravy to them and they should be able to get by indefinitely without it.

To repeat, they have been selling normal quantities at normal prices and therefore their income has been and still is normal and these must be considered normal times for the farmers. That's the inevitable conclusion from the argument that the only problem is to get rid of the surplus, the accumulation of above-normal crops.

The truth is that prairie agriculture is in a state of minor depression. Farmers haven't enough money to pay their bills. Merchants have too much credit out and can't collect on it. Taxes are not being paid the way they should.

Perhaps there is not too much actual suffering, but the truth is that the farmers are in difficult straits.

Some of the blame must be laid on them. They might have diversified their operations more. They might have put more land into grass or summerfallow. They might have bought less machinery.

But those mistakes don't account for all their difficulty. Their troubles are much bigger, and to a large extent beyond their control.

Why is it that at a time when every other section of the Canadian economy is flourishing as never before, agriculture alone is suffering a depression?

The answer lies in one or more of these, probably all three:

1. Marketings, particularly of grain, have not been normal.
2. The price of farm products is not high enough.
3. The price of what the farmer buys has gone too high.

If the farmers can get by only through converting all of their bumper crops into cash, what would their position have been if they hadn't had these bumper crops? Now they have wheat in the bins so they can eventually pay their debts, but what if there was nothing on hand to cover them?

And worse yet, what will be the position of the farmers if in the next five years production is only average or below average, as it likely will be? That will cause the surplus to disappear, but it won't mean higher marketings, it won't mean lower production and living costs, and it probably won't mean higher selling prices. The agricultural depression will only be aggravated.

## WANTS ADS DO BIG WORK

- Notice -  
TREE PLANTING

The Wainwright Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 ask all farmers living within the bounds of the Municipal District of Wainwright, interested in planting farm shelter belts and tree planting on the farm, to contact either Mr. J. S. Duncan, District Agriculturalist or Mr. Ralph Congdon, Field Supervisor, and let them know the number of trees required for 1956 or for future planting. If enough requests are received, a tree planter will be obtained for this project. Some trees may be available if they are ordered in the near future.

6-19-20

J. S. DUNCAN, District Agriculturalist  
R. CONGDON, Field Supervisor.News Roundup  
From Edmonton

By Ken Mason

EDMONTON—The long battle over fluoridation of public drinking water may be nearing an end in Alberta.

The preponderance of evidence that fluorides help to eliminate tooth decay appears to be drowning out the cries of vociferous minority which opposes the introduction of chemicals into public water supplies.

In Alberta, it has been well over a year since the Research Council made an exhaustive study of the matter and presented a report expressing unconditional approval of fluoridation.

Nothing has been done, but the pressure for action is mounting and the government has been forced to lift slightly the veil of silence it has held over the question since the report was handed down.

Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross, minister of health, indicated last week that something may be done soon, one way or the other. With a politician's usual caution about not disclosing too much, he said the government is giving "careful consideration" to all available information and "may make an announcement within the next month."

It is known that a number of Alberta municipalities are prepared to go ahead with fluoridation as soon as the government will let them, and others are interested in hearing about it.

At least four communities—the cities of Edmonton and Lethbridge and the towns of Grande Prairie and Raymond—have submitted written requests for enabling requisitions. Representatives of other municipalities have made verbal requests.

So far, the health department has been non-committal. But there are high ranking officials within the health department who have studied the evidence amassed in favor of fluoridation and are anxious to see a start made in Alberta. They have been forced to remain silent, but are hoping public sentiment will be aroused enough to prod the government into action.

The Edmonton and District Dental Society took a crack at it last week by inviting Dr. Cross and five other cabinet ministers to a panel discussion on fluoridation.

The dentists made the cabinet ministers listen to statistics on the reduction of tooth decay in eastern Canada and U.S. centres where fluoridation has been introduced. They also answered some of the claims made by those opposed to fluoridation.

One of the main arguments against it is that fluoridation is poisonous. The dentists agreed, but said a human would have to drink 450 glasses of fluoridated water at one sitting to be poisoned by it. Another poison added to drinking water is chlorine, to make it safe to drink.

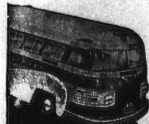
The addition of fluorides to water was compared with the introduction of vitamin A into butter and B complex in flour. While most public health officials, and practically all dentists and medical men agree on it, there are strong indications that fluoridation must overcome a political roadblock before it is accepted in Alberta.

There appears to be something in the philosophy of the Social Credit movement—especially among the fundamentalist Sacred theorists—which is opposed to fluoridation. They regard it as compulsory, mass medication, and as such are against it. There has undoubtedly been some rousing discussion about it in the Social Credit caucus, which could explain the fact that no one spoke about fluoridation at the last session of the legislature.

On the other hand, the Social Credit membership in the house may now be more receptive to the idea than it was a year ago. The election last June eliminated two of the most vocal anti-fluoridationists—Mrs. C. R. Wood, who represented Stony Plain riding, and Wilson Cain, who was defeated in Bow Valley-Emerson. At every session except the last one, they voiced dire warnings about the impending poisoning of the human race, and upheld the right of the individual to drink fluoride-free water.

Technically, the question of

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to fluoridate or not to fluoridate is outside the sphere of the legislature. The government can permit its introduction simply by passing an order-in-council.

The legislature did its part in 1952 by amending the Public Health Act, permitting the Alberta board of health to authorize the introduction of chemicals into public drinking water. However, a clause in the amendment prevented the board taking advantage of the new provision until the Research Council had presented its report on fluoridation.

All that is needed now is an order-in-council establishing regulations for the safe use of fluorides in drinking water.

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN—At the time of writing, no one knows when hearings will be resumed by the royal commission investigating affairs of the Alberta government.

The chairman, Mr. Justice Hugh John Macdonald, resigned last week due to ill health. He was to have resumed hearings January 9, but was ordered into hospital and the commission was adjourned until February 20. It has been idle since October 21, when the chairman was confined to his home with a recurrence of the back ailment. Now his doctors can't say when he will be able to return to work.

The government was expected to appoint his successor this week, and the new chairman will decide when to resume the hearings. He may decide to start earlier than February 20, and if all counsel agree the hearings can begin where they left off with the first chairman.

EDMONTON—Alberta had all the elements of a genuine panic in the coal mining industry starting in the spring of 1954 and continuing during the ensuing year, when declining markets began causing mines to close down.

Approximately 1,000 miners were either laid off or permanently out of work during 1954 and the summer of 1955, and it could have developed into a serious unemployment problem with a depressing effect on the economy of some sections of the province.

Today, however, it appears doubtful if there is any unemployment due directly to the decline in the coal industry—even though markets continue to disappear and coal production figures continue to drop in this province, which contains Canada's largest reserves of coal.

The credit can be given to a three-man committee set up in April, 1954, with a grant of \$100,000 from the provincial legislature, which set about the task of getting the unemployed miners absorbed into other fields of industry.

The committee worked for almost two years and last week made its final report to the government. The report showed, among other things, that the committee had spent only \$80,000 of its allotment, had paid the cost of moving 325 families to jobs in different localities, and had created two new ghost towns in Alberta mining areas. The net result: A happy ending to what could have been a sad story.

When the committee launched its program, it was with the

understanding that it would help business to help themselves. The members decide the best way would be to assist them in finding other lines of work. If they needed financial help to move families and effects, the cost would be paid. But under no circumstances would the committee undertake a straight relief program.

Co-operation was requested and obtained from the National Employment Service, the United Mine Workers of America, boards of trade, contractors and builders' organizations. As a result, all or nearly all miners from stricken areas have found employment, and there is no more talk of blue ruin in the coal producing areas.

The committee found that in two towns when the coal mines folded the entire economy folded with them. There was no alternative but to move everyone out, and that was done during the spring and summer of 1955. Accordingly Nordberg and Alton, both west of Rocky Mountain House, were added to the list of Alberta ghost towns. At Nordberg, 183 families and their effects were moved at a cost to the government of \$34,879. At Alton, 26 families were moved at a cost of \$3,666.

Miners and their families were moved from other towns, but these were the only two where complete evacuation was undertaken.

The fortunate timing of major construction projects helped the companies with its rehabilitation in the Coal Branch area west of Edmonton. Miners were thrown out of work at Lucan and Coal Valley, and many found jobs in the construction of the big pulp mill at nearby Hinton.

Hon. Raymond Reinson, minister of industries and labor, believes the success of the project is due mainly to the fact that the government moved in quickly with a sincere program. It provided the incentive for many miners to move out on their own initiative and find jobs in other industries.

He recalled that the government had been criticized for appropriating only \$100,000, but pointed out that if the program had been one of straight relief payments the incentive would not have been created.

The greatest problem was with miners between the ages of 50 and 60—to old to enter other trades after a lifetime of mining, and too young to be eligible for pension. However, with a little extra effort, jobs were found for them.

Perhaps the effect of the committee's work is most evident at Coleman, in the Crownstee Pass. Coleman was one of the hardest hit mining towns, and as a partial solution the government subsidized bus transportation to Michel and Fernie, across the border in British Columbia, where there were openings for miners.

Other Crownstee Pass miners have gone into forestry, road work, lumbering and the oil industry, and as a result the economy of Coleman is better than it has been for several years.

Chairman of the committee was John Ferguson, provincial supervisor of immigration.

Other members were W. A. B. Bees of the department of welfare, and Joseph Dutton, director of mines.

## Local News

Born to the Rev. L. D. Sheardown and Mrs. Sheardown at Vancouver General Hospital, on Sunday, January 15, a daughter.

Mr. Gar Coulman was a patient for a few days recently in Wainwright hospital.

Mrs. Bertha Enger is visiting in Wainwright this week.

Mrs. J. Fenton of Wainwright came to Irma last week to attend the W.A. meeting to visit her daughter, Mrs. Martin Enger.

The Irma Ladies Open Bonspiel will be held here on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mrs. J. C. McLean spent a few days in Viking hospital recently.

There has been a lot of flu and colds about. Our long cold winter is perhaps responsible for this.

NOTICE—Mothers, the next baby clinic will be postponed one week and will be held on February 3. This change has been made because Miss Tweedy is on holiday in January.

A further donation in memory of the late Mrs. N. O. Parke has been made to the United Church Memorial Fund by Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Knudson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Enger visited their daughter, Mrs. K. Teeter at Gilt Edge on Wednesday of last week. They report much more snow is to be found down in that area.

The Irma Social Credit Group will hold a meeting in the Legion Hall on January 24. All members of all groups are asked to be present. Mr. Rustle will give his report on the Social Credit convention.

Irma folk are glad to know that Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Myhren, who were both badly injured when the reservoir exploded, have been home from hospital for some little time and are making good recovery.

The Evening Group of the Irma United Church W.A. will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. Anquist on Tuesday, January 24. The annual reports of the officers and conveners will be given at this meeting. Mrs. Merle Knudson is in charge of the program and Mrs. H. Barber has the devotionals. The roll call is the payment of membership fees. The hostesses are Mrs. H. Barber, Mrs. Des Jardine and Mrs. Pond. Visitors are most welcome.

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